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FOR A/FBO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX, PROPERTY NO. SLAL04000,  
COMMUNICATIONS

REF: MOSCOW 0966

1. SUMMARY - BEGINNING NOW AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PERIOD THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FBO/M AND A/FBO AND U.S. CONSULTANTS. MUCH OF THIS WILL CONSIST OF HIGHLY TECHNICAL, LENGTHY MESSAGES RELATING TO THE WORKING DRAWING PHASE NOW IN PROGRESS WITH SOVIET DESIGNERS AND TECHNICIANS. ASIDE FROM THE LONG TERM PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS INVOLVING POSSIBLE COMPUTER INTERFACING WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY DEPARTMENT, THERE APPEARS TO BE NEED FOR SOME SORT OF COMMUNICATION ARRANGEMENT FOR QUICK TURN-AROUND OF THESE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES. PROJECT MANAGER ATTEMPTS DEFINE PARAMETERS AND OFFERS RECOMMENDATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. DIRECT COMMERCIAL TELEX EXCHANGES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND ALMOST ANYWHERE WORLD-WIDE ARE ROUTINELY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL RESTRAINTS MUST PERTAIN IN THIS INSTANCE, THEIR BEING: (A) SECURITY ASPECTS, (B) A/FBO MANAGEMENT - CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES. CONSEQUENTLY, USE OF DIRECT TELEX COMPLETELY OUTSIDE DEPARTMENT'S CHANNELS DOES NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE.

3. AT SAME TIME, IF EACH TECHNICAL MESSAGE FROM AND TO FBO/M MUST MOVE FIRST TO A/FBO FOR REVIEW, RE-DRAFTING, TYPING AND CLEARANCE PROCESSING BEFORE TELEG FORWARDING TO TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS - AND THEIR RESPONSE LIKEWISE PROCESSED - CONSIDERABLE TURN-AROUND TIME SEEMS UNAVOIDABLE AND PORTENDS VERY SIZABLE PAPERWORK LOAD IN A/FBO. A SOLUTION MAY BE READILY AT HAND, INVOLVING USE OF FACILITIES IN PLACE AND ONLY REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION PERTAINS ONLY TO LARGE VOLUME PURELY TECHNICAL MATTERS; ALL ELSE SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED USING NORMAL DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES. RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWS.

4. TEN PAGE BILL OF MATERIALS, COVERING DETAILED LISTING, AND QUANTITY COUNTS OF ALL MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALTY ITEMS ON PROJECT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY SOVIETS AND SUBMITTED TO FBO/M WITH THEIR REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETENESS, LOCATIONS AND MANUFACTURER'S DETAILED DRAWINGS, IN SHORT, ONE TYPICAL COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY, WHICH IS INCIDENTLY CURRENTLY REAL, NOT HYPOTHETICAL. PROCESSING STEPS MIGHT BE:

- A. FBO/M SCANS SOVIET DOCUMENTATION FOR ANY SY
  - SENSITIVE ASPECTS AND IF ANY COORDINATES WITH RSO/M.
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- B. MESSAGE THEN TYPED BY FBO/M IN NEW TERPS FORMAT
- AND GIVEN TO C&R/M FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT
- AS CIPHERED MESSAGE. EMBASSY CLEARANCES ON ALL
- FBO/M MESSAGES ARE VERY PROMPT; ELECTRONIC
- SECURITY WOULD BE ASSURED; AND TERPS SYSTEM EASILY
- ACCOMMODATES TO RATHER LONG MESSAGES.
- THUS MESSAGE DISCRETELY REACHES DEPARTMENT QUICKLY.
  
- C. IN WASHINGTON MESSAGE WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUSLY
- PRINTED IN A/FBO, STORED DEPARTMENT TAPE MEMORY
- AND LIMITED DISTRIBUTED FURTHER ONLY AS MANAGEMENT
- MIGHT DEEM NECESSARY (THE MESSAGE BEING ONLY TECH-
- NICAL). AT THIS POINT A/FBO WOULD HAVE PRINTED
- MESSAGE FOR READING AND CONTROL.
  
- D. AT SAME TIME, THROUGH TELEX PATCH AT DEPARTMENT,
- MESSAGE WOULD PRINT OUT AT OFFICE OF ADDRESSED CON-
- SULTANTS. THUS STRAIGHT THROUGH FROM MOSCOW TO
- ADDRESSEE WITH REAL TIME MONITORING COPY TO A/FBO
- AND DEPARTMENT PERMITTING TECHNICAL AND MANAGE-
- MENT CONTROL. THIS IS A QUICK, RESPONSIVE COM-

- MUNICATION MODE.
- E. OR, INSTEAD OF STRAIGHT THROUGH REAL TIME PATCH
- TO ADDRESSEE, MESSAGE COULD BE HELD IN DEPARTMENT'S
- TAPE MEMORY UNTIL A/FBO PRINT-OUT COULD BE REVIEWED
- AND CLEARED FOR FORWARDING, AT WHICH TIME TAPE
- MEMORY PATCH INTO ADDRESSEE TELEX COULD BE AUTH-
- ORIZED. THIS WOULD ANYWAY ELIMINATE NEED FOR

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- RETYPING IN A/FBO, BUT WOULD NOT ELIMINATE MESSAGE
- BY MESSAGE GO-NO GO MANAGEMENT BURDEN IN A/FBO.
- F. EITHER WAY, ADDRESSEE RESPONSE WOULD BE MIRROR
- IMAGE OF ABOVE SEQUENCE WITH HIS TELEX RESPONSE
- MOVING THROUGH DEPARTMENT AND FROM THERE DISCREETLY
- VIA TERP TO MOSCOW.

5. THE ABOVE SUGGESTED PROCEDURE ASSUMES THAT DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATION FACILITIES PERMIT ELECTRONIC INTERFACING TRANSMISSIONS TO/FROM MOSCOW AND U.S. TELEX SYSTEM. ALSO ABOVE ASSUMES THAT STATESIDE CONSULTANTS WILL BE INVOLVED. THIS BASIC SYSTEM COULD ALSO BE USED FOR ADP PROCESSING BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.

6. CONCLUSION - IF WE DON'T PROMPTLY ADOPT SOME CUSTOM STREAMLINED SYSTEM OF RAPID TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION FOR PROJECT, WE WILL BE THE DEPAYING PARTNER TO THE CONTRACT. THIS ASPECT HAS BEEN FORESEEN BY ALL OF US FOR SOME TIME, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THE DEMANDS ARE NOW UPON US. PLEASE ADVISE. IN MEANTIME PLEASE ACCEPT APOLOGIES

FOR HEAVY MESSAGE TRAFFIC IMPOSED BY SOVIETS.

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